The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" The hon. Member will see that there are already three elected Indian Christians on the Trichinopoly District Board."

Mr. S. ARPUDASWAMI UDAYAR :—" The answer to clause (c) is that three Indian Christians were elected to the District Board during the period of seven years, i.e., from 1921 to 1928, not that they are there now . . ."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member is arguing."

Mr. S. ARPUDASWAMI UDAYAR :—" I am referring to answer (c)."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" May I ask if there are three Indian Christians at present ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Notice, Sir."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" There is only one Indian Christian on the Board now . . . "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member is not a Member of the Government and cannot give information."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" May I know for whom these ten nominated seats are intended ? "

The hon. Dr P. SUBBARAYAN :—" For Christians, Muhammadans and other minority communities."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" May I know who are the other minority communities ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" That is a matter of opinion."

Representation of Muslims in the Hosur Taluk Board.

*1650 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government was at any time approached by representatives of the public to fix the number of members to be elected or nominated from each taluk included in the Hosur Taluk Board ;

(b) whether the Government have taken any steps to ensure adequate representation of Muslims to the Hosur Taluk Board and if so, what steps and when ; and

(c) whether any Muslim has hitherto been elected to the Taluk Board of Hosur by any constituency and if so, when and how many ?

A.—(a) No such representations are traceable.

(b) Under section 9 (4) (b) of the Madras Local Boards Act, 1920 ; the nomination of the members of Taluk Boards vests in Presidents of District Boards and the Government have no jurisdiction in the matter.

(c) Two ; and the Government have no information as to when they were elected and by what constituency.

Public libraries maintained by local bodies.

*1651 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether any and if so, which of the local bodies maintain any public libraries ;

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(b) what amount is spent by each of them;
(c) whether any local bodies give any grants to libraries;
(d) if so, which of them; and
(e) what the amount is?

A.—(a) & (b) Information has been called for.
(c), (d) & (e) Local bodies make contribution to libraries under other management with the sanction of Government. Such contributions are sanctioned only from year to year on the application of local bodies.

Municipal Councils

Nomination to the Tenali Municipality.

* 1652 Q.—Mr. P. ANJANEYULU: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) for how long a nominated seat in the Municipal Council, Tenali, has been vacant;

(b) the reasons for not filling it up till now;

(c) whether Christians and Adi-Andhras have made any, and if so, what representations for having the nomination given to one of their community; and

(d) when the Government intend publishing the nomination and whether they will nominate an Adi-Andhra?

A.—(a) & (d) 26th October 1928 to 19th February 1929. The appointment of the Rev. V. McCauley, D.D., was notified on 19th February 1929.
(b) There was no delay in the matter other than that inseparable from the formalities to be observed in making the above appointment.
(c) One Indian Christian (depressed classes) and another depressed class candidate applied for the appointment.

Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU:—"May I know why no Adi-Andhra was nominated to the vacant seat?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"There is an Adi-Andhra."

Religious and Charitable Endowments

Amending Bill to the Hindu Religious Endowments Act.

* 1653 Q.—Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that a draft Bill to amend the Hindu Religious Endowments Act has been prepared by the Government;

(b) the reasons for the delay in introducing the Bill to amend the Hindu Religious Endowments Act; and

(c) when the Government propose to introduce the Bill?

A.—(a) & (b) No Bill has been prepared by the Government but a draft Bill submitted by the Hindu Religious Endowments Board is under scrutiny.
(c) It is not possible to announce a definite date; but the Bill will be introduced as early as practicable.